

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Claims 1-15 (Cancelled)

16. (New) A trunking section comprising:

at least one side, the or each side adapted to define a first channel for receiving electrical cables and adapted to receive at least one lid, thereby defining a first volume, at least two opposing edge portions of the side, or of at least two of the sides, being shaped so as to form at least two second channels, and a respective further portion of said side and/or a respective portion of at least one lid being adapted to close each second channel and thereby define at least two second volumes.

17. (New) A trunking section according to claim 1, wherein said first channel is an elongate channel.

18. (New) A trunking section according to claim 1, wherein said second channel extends along the whole length of the respective side.

19. (New) A trunking section according to claim 1, wherein said second channels are within said first volume.

20. (New) A trunking section according to claim 1, wherein at least a portion of at least one of said sides is substantially planar and in use substantially vertical, and said second channel is defined by a first channel side extending substantially perpendicularly to said portion, a second channel side extending substantially parallel to said side portion, and a third channel side extending substantially parallel to said first channel side.

21. (New) A trunking section according to claim 20, further comprising a fourth channel side substantially parallel to said second channel side, said first, second, third and fourth channel sides thereby defining said second volume.

22. (New) A trunking section according to claim 20, wherein said second volumes are adapted to receive at least one lid retainer therein.

23. (New) A trunking section according to claim 22, wherein a portion of said side is provided with a threaded hole and adapted to receive at least one lid retainer in the form of a screw.

24. (New) A coupling for joining a first trunking section having at least one respective lid to a second trunking section having at least one respective lid, the coupling comprising:

a plurality of surfaces adapted to engage internal surfaces of first and second trunking sections and internal surfaces of respective lids;

at least one retainer for retaining the first and second trunking sections and respective lids in engagement with said surfaces; and

a sealing coating adapted to substantially seal the internal surfaces of said trunking sections and respective lids and said surfaces.

25. (New) A coupling according to claim 24, wherein at least one said retainer are holes in said coupling, which are adapted to engage with screws or bolt extending through respective holes in said trunking sections and said lids and into said holes in said couplings.

26. (New) A coupling according to claim 25, wherein said holes in said coupling are threaded.

27. (New) A coupling according to claim 24, wherein said coating is neoprene.

28. (New) A coupling according to claim 24, wherein said coating is applied by a dipping process.

29. (New) A method, comprising:

carrying a plurality of electrical cables utilizing a trunking section;

wherein the trunking section includes at least one side, the or each side adapted to define a first channel for receiving said electrical cables and adapted to receive at least one lid, thereby

defining a first volume, at least two opposing edge portions of the side, or of at least two of the sides, being shaped so as to form at least two second channels, and a respective further portion of said side and/or a respective portion of at least one lid being adapted to close each second channel and thereby define at least two second volumes.

30. (New) A method according to claim 29, wherein said first channel is an elongate channel.

31. (New) A method according to claim 29, wherein said second channel extends along the whole length of the respective side.

32. (New) A method according to claim 29, wherein said second channels are within said first volume.

33. (New) A method according to claim 29, wherein at least a portion of at least one of said sides is substantially planar and in use substantially vertical, and said second channel is defined by a first channel side extending substantially perpendicularly to said portion, a second channel side extending substantially parallel to said side portion, and a third channel side extending substantially parallel to said first channel side.

34. (New) A method according to claim 33, wherein further included is a fourth channel side substantially parallel to said second channel side, said first, second, third and fourth channel sides thereby defining said second volume.

35. (New) A method according to claim 33, wherein said second volumes are adapted to receive at least one lid retainer therein.